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REVIEWING WORKING OF RAJIV GANDHI CONTAINER TERMINAL
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the working of the Rajiv Gandhi Container Terminal at Kochi Port ;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof ;

(c) the performance of the said Container Terminal during the last three years ;

(d) whether the Government proposes to privatise the Container Terminal; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reviews resulted in Port deciding to revamp and repair existing equipments, acquire new equipments, expand the stack area for containers, reduce the free period for containers.These proposals were processed but kept pending for want of final decision on establishment of International Container Transhipment Terminal (ICTT), except the procurement of one Reach Stacker and reduction of free period for containers from 10 days to 5 days.

(c)The performance of Rajiv Gandhi Container Terminal (RGCT) for the last three years is given below:-

Year	Number of moves per hour per crane	Average turn round time (in days)	Number of Containers handled (in TEUs)
2001-02	10.11	1.62	151829
2002-03	12.08	1.55	165687
2003-04	13.41	1.52	169965

(d)&(e)ICTT involves a total investment of the order of about Rs.2118 crores and is proposed to be developed in phases to mainly handle mainline vessels. To make this project viable, a minimum volume of container traffic at the port is required. For building up the threshold volume of traffic, RGCT is proposed to be handed over to the successful bidder of ICTT for the initial period of operation subject to a maximum period of 8 years and 6 months.